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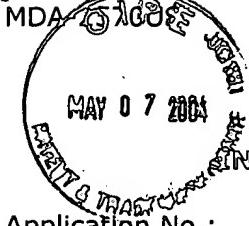
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- 1) "Continuous Media Objects With Media Scaling"

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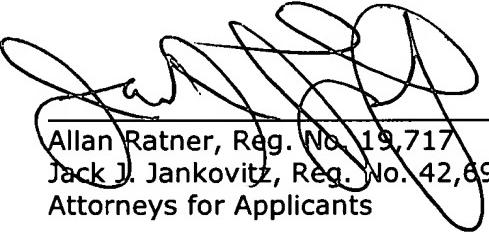
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